

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

SCOTTISH, SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, and nine governors of the original thirteen states were of Scottish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the Scots, Scots-Irish are Americans of Scottish origin whose ancestors first colonized northern Ireland in the 1600s before emigrating to the English colonies in North America during the 1700s; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish Treaty of Abroath on 6 April 1320 inspired the contents for America's Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, National Tartans Day is observed each year on the sixth day of April; and

WHEREAS, the Scots, Scots-Irish played a pivotal role in winning the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, according the US Census, more than 340,000 North Carolinians today are descendents of Scots, Scots-Irish immigrants making North Carolina one of the largest Scots, Scots-Irish populations; and

WHEREAS, among the many distinguished Americans of Scots, Scots-Irish ancestry are a number of United States Presidents, including the three Presidents from North Carolina: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008, as "**SCOTTISH SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.